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## PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3a- three FOIA b3a reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 3/9

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1.) Personnel Situation

(1) On the basis of an order of the State Defense Committee, all trade pupils being trained in the trade schools of the NKRF enterprises are designated only for the River Fleet. Further reservation is forbidden.

(2) For 1943 a total of 47 communications personnel with a salary allocation of 225,000 rubles is authorized for Irkutsk NKRF. In the third quarter the transport enterprises in Kujbyshev NKRF will receive 80 trainees with a salary allocation of 41,000 rubles and the industrial enterprises of the same office 60 trainees with a salary allocation of 30,600 rubles.

(3) The shipyard in Kostroma will receive 50 ship's carpenters from the Sokol-skoe shipyard. The following trade pupil assignments to individual NKRF offices were observed:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Trade Pupil</u>	<u>Number</u>
Arkul NKRF	Boiler smiths	28
	Lock smiths	4
	Lathe machinists	10
Bor NKRF	Lock smiths	124
	Lathe machinists	60
	Welders	10
Gorkij NKRF	Smiths	13
	Ship's carpenters	60
	Boiler smiths	150
	Carpenters	30
Gorodets NKRF	Lock smiths	37

Molotov NKRF	Boiler smiths	8
	Lathe machinists	44
	Lock smiths	36
	Welders	14
	Moulders	44
	Ship's carpenters	120
	Room attendants	14
	Stokers	120

Svenigovo NKRF- Plant "Butyakov"	Lathe machinists	15
	Welders	10
	Lock smiths	40
	Moulders	10

Chkalovsk NKRF	Lock smiths	45
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(4) The Oblast' Executive Board in Krasnodar conscripted 89 persons for Plant #776 and 76 persons for Plant #774.

(5) The Oblast' Executive Board in Rostov/Don must conscript 500 workers for the rolling mill in Krasnyj Sulin. In addition, all workers, who previously worked at this plant and presently are working at other organizations in the Rostov Oblast', are to be returned to their old work place within 15 days.

## 2.) The Food Situation

(6) Gorkij NKRF reports that 1,318 tons were threshed from an area of 463 hectares. Moscow will know who is responsible for this small threshing yield.

(7) The delivery of sunflowers from the 1943 harvest has been fixed at 755 tons for Kabardino-Balkaria.

(8) On 22 August Krasnodar Grain Procurement transported from Grain Storage (?) 1,248 tons oil fruit and 1,061 tons grain. Employed with the transport of the shipments were 302 trucks from the Reserves of the N. K. for National Defense and 160 trucks from the North Caucasus Front. Already transported were 22,961 tons of oil fruit and 47,680 tons of grain.

(9) Krasnodar Macaroni Industry received for July a total of 14 tons of flour. Grain Procurement refused delivery in August. The factory is idle because of the lack of supplies.

(10) Novosibirsk NKRF. At the Sovkhozes the threshing work is proceeding badly.

(11) Novosibirsk NKRF-Plant "Bobrovskij". The following ration norms per month are established for 20 engineer-technical personnel occupied with particularly heavy work: meat or fish, 3,200 grams; fat, 900 grams; grits or macaroni, 2,000 grams.

(12) Tiflis, Georgia N.K. for Foodstuffs Industry, has arranged for 800 tons of imported fat for import to Georgia.

(13) Uralsk NKRF. The ripened vegetable portions are abandoned for spoilage because of the shortage of containers.

#### Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(14)	Sejm (Gorkij Oblast')	1225 tons	Rye	Gorkij	---
(15)	For the guards accompanying cattle to the liberated oblasti	100 tons	Flour	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	Delivery to be carried out in Aug. /Oct.
(16)	Girej Kuban Sugar Mill #1	.5 tons	Macaroni	Armavir, Macaroni Plant	Delivery for inter-enterprises of the Sugar Mill
(17)	Melov Rajon of the Ukrainian SSR, Cherkovo Railroad	700 head	Poultry	Simovniki (Rostov-Oblast') Fattening area for Cattle Procurement	---

Deliveries

(18)	Georgia	4,358 tons	Grain	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	As of 31 August
(19)	Armenia	6,958 tons	Grain	"	"
(20)	Azerbajdzhan	7,129 tons	Grain	"	"
(21)	Saratov	4,578 tons	Castor beans ---		As of 30 August
(22)	Shakhty, Rostov Coal	30 tons	Barley ---		Received on
					1 September on
					the 3rd quarter
					account
	"	51 tons	Pastry goods	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	"
	"	17 tons	Sugar	"	"
	"	62 tons	Vegetable oil	"	"
	"	10 tons	Butter	"	"
	"	26 tons	Meat	"	"
	"	82 tons	Fish	"	"

3.) Metal Supplies

(23) On 20 August Tiflis Copper Rolling Mill produced 3 tons of copper products and since the beginning of the month 18 tons of copper products. There is a balance of 67 tons not yet transported.

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(24)	Chief Directorate for Scrap Metal	10 tons	Scrap metal	Salsk Materials-Combine	Delivery to 10 Sept. according to plan for 3rd quarter
(25)	Chardzhou NKRF	40 tons	Scrap Metal	Ashkhabad	---
(26)	Krasnoyarsk NKRF	20 tons	Scrap iron	Magnitogorsk	For ship repair purposes
(27)	Irkutsk Lena-Steamship Agency	20 tons	Scrap iron	Magnitogorsk	For ship repair purposes in the third quarter
(28)	Blagoveshchensk NKRF	16 tons	Cast iron	Kuznetsk	For ship repair purposes
(29)	Zlatoust, Metallurgical Plant	60 tons	Ferro-silicon	Zestafoni Ferro-Alloy Plant	---
	"	70 tons	Ferro-manganese (with low carbon content)	"	---



(30)	Khabarovsk-NKRF	18 tons	Sheets	"Amurstal"	For September
	Khabarovsk-NKRF Plant	1 car	Sheets	"	For August
(31)	Krasnoyarsk	17 tons	Sheets	Nizhnij-Turinsk	For September
(32)	Molotov, Inland Navigation Supply	246 tons	Sheets	---	For July & Aug.
(33)	Molotov NKRF	40 tons	Sheets	Astrakhan	---
(34)	Omsk NKRF	40 tons	Sheets	---	For September
(35)	Gorkij NKRF	1.25 tons	Nails	---	For the 3rd quarter
(36)	Molotov, NKRF Works "Staryj Burlak"	3 tons	Nails	Sverdlovsk Metal Sales	"
(37)	Gorkij NKRF	5 tons	Wire	---	"
(38)	Molotov-NKRF Works "Staryj Burlak"	25 tons	Wire	Sverdlovsk Metal Sales	"
(39)	Gorkij NKRF	5 tons	Bolts	---	"
(40)	Khabarovsk NKRF	1.5 tons	Spring steel	Khabarovsk Metal Sales	---

Delivery

(41)	Krasnodar, Chief Directorate for Fat and Oil	20 tons	Scrap	---	August
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4.) Coal Supply

- (42) Aksaj (Rostov Oblast') Preserves Works reports stock of 45 tons of coal on 1 August.
- (43) Erevan. In the Armenian Republic 618 tons of peat were dug from 20 to 25 August.
- (44) Pavlodar NKRF reports a balance of 262 tons of coal on 8 August.
- (45) Rostov/Don "State Reserves" received a report from Moscow that, according to the basic plan, 173,600 tons of Donets coal were given for September release, including 102,900 tons to be shipped from Shakhty (see Table).

(46) In July Semipalatinsk NKRF received from the Ore Directorate in Syzran as a loan 1,117 tons of coal and is obligated to restore this amount in the 1st half of September.

(47) "Tkvarcheli Coal" has:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Consumed</u>	<u>Balance</u>
20 August	536 tons	415 tons	5,182 tons
27 August	450 tons	480 tons	319 (?)

(48) For the beginning of the navigation period of 1944 plans should be made for the following coal stocks as untouchable:

Kujbyshev NKRF	1,000 tons
Saratov NKRF	700 tons
Ulyanovsk NKRF	500 tons

Requirements

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(49)	Balakovo, Volsk Railroad; Plant #661	300 tons	Coal	Shakhty, Chief Directorate for Coal Sales	---
(50)	Makhachkala, Dagestan Agricultural Supply	50 tons	Forge-coal	"	The delivered anthracite is unsuitable for forging work in the tractor park.

Authorizations

(51)	Boguraev, Bread Combine	700 tons	Donets coal	---	For August
(52)	Kujbyshev, Ship and Repair yard	500 tons	Coal	Kujbyshev	---
(53)	Leningrad (Steel)	3000 tons	Pechora Coal	---	For September
(54)	Moscow, Hospital 393	300 tons	Coal	Shakhty Chief Directorate for Coal	---
(55)	Semiluki	1300 tons	Coal	Krasnodar, Donbas Coal Supply	For safeguarding the inter-enterprises of a plant

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(56)	Molotov Plant, Non-ferrous Metals	1600 tons	Donets Coal	Shakhty	For September
(57)	NK for the Chemical Indus- try Plant #244	1000 tons	"	"	"
(58)	NK for the Chemical Indus- try Plant #397	2000 tons	"	"	"
(59)	NK for the Chemical Indus- try Plant #755	1000 tons	"	"	"
(60)	NK for the Chemical Indus- try Plant #756	2000 tons	"	"	"
(61)	NK for the Chemical Indus- try Plant in Chernorechensk	2000 tons	"	"	"
(62)	NK for Munitions Plant #15	1000 tons	"	"	"
(63)	NK for Munitions Plant #50	1000 tons	"	"	"
(64)	NK for Armaments Plant #79	200 tons	"	"	"
(65)	NK for Armaments Plant #92	1000 tons	"	"	"
(66)	NK for Armaments Plant #354	1000 tons	"	"	"
(67)	NK for Iron Plant "Svobodnyj Sokol"	1000 tons	"	"	"
(68)	Mills	5000 tons	"	"	"
(69)	Sugar Works, "Ulyan Kalen- ovski"	4500 tons	"	"	"
(70)	Sugar Works in Novopokrovsk	2000 tons	"	"	"
(71)	Electrical Power Plant, Gorkij	6000 tons	"	"	"
(72)	Electrical Plant, Moscow #2	2000 tons	"	"	"
(73)	Electrical Plant, Moscow #7	5000 tons	"	"	"
(74)	Electrical Plant, Saratov	2000 tons	"	"	"
(75)	Stalingrad, Electrical Plant	3000 tons	"	"	"
(76)	Voronezh Electrical Plant	2400 tons	"	"	"

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(77)	Gorkij Railroad Line	13,700 tons	Donets coal	Shakhty	For September
(78)	Kazan Railroad Line	7,500 tons	"	"	"
(79)	Kujbyshev Railroad Line	20,000 tons	"	"	"
(80)	Ryazan-Ural Railroad Line	15,000 tons	"	"	"
(81)	Arkhangelsk, Enterprises of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, Pavshino Railroad Station, Kalinin Railway Line	1,000 tons	Anthracite	Chief Directorate for Coal Supply	To be shipped by 8 September
(82)	Economic Directorate of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, Prison Camp, Vorobeve Gory Station, Moscow Belt Line	1000 tons	"	"	"
(83)	NK for the Navy Fuels Division	3,100 tons	"	Shakhty, Chief Directorate for Coal Supply	For September
(84)	NK for Navy, Economic Division	400 tons	"	"	"
(85)	Akhtary Railroad Station, Chief of Rear Services of the Azov Fleet	200 tons	"	"	"
(86)	Ejsk Railroad Station, Chief of Rear Services of the Azov Fleet	300 tons	"	"	"
(87)	Saransk Railroad Station, Military Unit 34 107	200 tons	"	"	"
(88)	Pogruznaya Railroad Station Military Unit 56 116	200 tons	"	"	"
(89)	Mosdok Railroad Station, Military Unit 56 055	100 tons	"	"	"
(90)	NK for Grenade Industry, Rostov Agricultural Machine Factory	100 tons	"	"	"

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	<u>Cosignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(91)	NK for Grenade Industry, Rostov, Plant "Krasnyj Aksaj"	160 tons	Anthracite	Shakhty, Chief Directorate for Coal Supply	For September
(92)	Chief Directorate for the Tank Industry STS (Stalingrad Tank Plant)	1200 tons	"	"	"
(93)	NK for the Tank Industry Plant #264	400 tons	"	"	"
(94)	NK for Munitions Plant #320	500 tons	"	"	"
(95)	NK for Munitions Plant #222	1000 tons	"	"	"
(96)	NK for Munitions Plant #562	1000 tons	"	"	"
(97)	Project No. 1 in West-Odintsaro Moscow Oblast'	100 tons	"	"	"
(98)	Kotlas-NKRF	40 tons	Coke	Ust-Usa	---

Deliveries

(99) In August Molotov NKRF received 500 tons of Kiselovsk coal from Solikamsk.

(100) Only 7702 tons of coal of the 9980 tons authorized have been delivered to the Upper Irtysch Steamship Navigation in 22 days of August. The remainder must be delivered by 28 August.

(101) In a message of 3 September from Moscow to Krasnodar, the existence of coal in the vicinity of Moscow was mentioned.

5.) Production

(102) The local industry of the Krasnodar Oblast' manufactured the following amounts of lime and brick in the last 7 months:

Lime	665 tons	including	200 tons	in July
Burnt brick	525,000 pieces	including	43,000 pieces	in July
Crude brick	457,000 pieces	including	348,000 pieces	in July

(103) According to an order of the State Defense Committee of 26 August 1943 the following Martin furnaces must be placed in operation for the steel works in Krasnyj Sulin:

In September	6 Martin furnaces
In October	1 Martin furnace
In November	3 Martin furnaces for the rolling train.

(104) The following plants are being built in the Rostov/Don Oblast':

a slagstone works in Krasnyj Sulin  
 a tube-plate works in Rogoshkin (Azov Rajon)  
 a cement works in Polotinka (Volkhinsk Rajon)

(105) "Voroshilovgrad Coal" in Krasnodon received 100 tons of cement for construction.

(106) In Novoshakhtinsk the construction of annealing furnaces was completed ahead of time. On 26 August the first annealing oven was heated and placed in operation.

(107) According to a message from Moscow to the Omsk NKRF on the bank of the Ishim River ancillary works are being built.

(108) The reenforced concrete works at the Sajsk shipyard were delayed on account of a shortage of cement.

(109) The NKRF Plant "Lenin" in Khabarovsk received an additional assignment. It must now manufacture spare parts for tractors. NKRF Khabarovsk raised a protest, since preparations for previously established ship repairs are behind schedule.

(110) The NKRF Offices in Omsk and Gorodets, the NKRF Plant "Staryj Burlak" in Molotov, the Usol'e Shipyard in Orel, and the Shipyard in Baturino fulfilled their production viz. shipbuilding plans in insufficient amounts.

#### Newly Identified Plants

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(111) Plant #244	?	NK for Chemical Industry
(112) Plant #397	?	NK for Chemical Industry
(113) Plant #755	?	NK for Chemical Industry
(114) Plant	Chernorechensk	NK for Chemical Industry
(115) Plant #50	?	NK for Munitions
(116) Plant #222	?	NK for Munitions
(117) Plant #320	?	NK for Munitions
(118) Plant #562	?	NK for Munitions
(119) Plant #79	?	NK for Weapons
(120) Plant #264	?	NK for Armor Industry
(121) Plant "STS"	?	Stalin Armor Plate Works

(122)	"Stalin" Ship Repair Works	Omsk	---
(123)	Sugar Mill	Novopokrovsk	---
(124)	"Ulyan-Kalenovski" Works	?	Sugar Mill
(125)	Kuban Sugar Mill #1	Girej	---
(126)	Plant #774	Krasnodar (?)	---
(127)	Plant #776	Krasnodar (?)	---
(128)	Plant #74 (?)	Novosibirsk	---
(129)	Plant #710	Podolsk (Volokhinsk Rajon)	---
(130)	Brewery	Shartash (not located)	---
(131)	Cannery	Aksaj (Rostov Oblast')	---
(132)	Steel Works	Krasnyj Sulin	---
(133)	Electricity Works #2	Moscow	---
(134)	Electricity Works #7	Moscow	---

#### 6.) Transport Situation

(135) On 5 August 1943 an order of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union was broadcast by the Soviet radio, according to which the employees of the railways of the Soviet Union received new service grades and service marks.

(136) According to a lead article of "Pravda", this measure was adopted for the purpose of raising the discipline and introducing a unified administrative authority.

It is a result of the state of emergency proclaimed on the railways in mid-April.

The service grades are as follows:

#### I. General Director of Transportation

Vice-General Director of Transportation 1st and 2nd Class

General Director of Transportation 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

General Director of Engineering, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

General Director of Ways and Buildings, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

General Director of Communications, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

General Director of Administration, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

#### II. Director--Colonel

Director--Lieutenant Colonel

(Transportation)

Engineer --Major

(Administration)

#### III. Engineer--Captain

One for

(Engineering)

Engineer-Lieutenant

(Ways and Buildings)

Engineer-Lieutenant

(Communications)

IV. Transportation Technician, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes  
Machine Technician, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes  
Ways and Building Technician, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes  
Communications Technician, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes  
Administration Technician, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes

Column Leader    )   one for       Transportation  
                  )                   Ways and Buildings  
Foreman            )                   Communications  
                                     Administration Service

7.) Transport Situation

(137) The following NKRF Offices have in the first 10 days of September to organize the following transport in order to make up the transport deficit:

Blagoveshchensk, total of 26,000 tons of freight equal to 15 million ton/kilometers, of which: 300 tons, bread; 6,000 tons, salt; 500 tons, coal; 1,500 tons, wood on ships.

Khabarovsk, total 53,000 tons of freight equal to 38 million ton/kilometers, of which: 20,000 tons, oil; 1,500 tons, salt; 2,000 tons, coal; 1,500 tons, wood on ships; 28,000 tons, other freight.

Krasnoyarsk, total of 38,000 tons of freight equal to 30 million ton/kilometers, of which: 6,000 tons, bread; 500 tons, salt; 5,000 tons, coal; 2,000 tons, wood on ships; 18,000 tons, wood in rafts.

Irkutsk, total of 20,000 tons of freight equal to 3.5 million ton/kilometers of which: 2,000 tons, bread; 5,300 tons, salt; 10,000 tons, coal; 2,000 tons, wood on ships; 3,500 tons, wood in rafts.

(138) Astrakhan NKRF has to carry out a transport of 250 tons of scrap iron at the beginning of September.

(139) Increased difficulties with transportation were encountered in the rajons of the NKRF Offices of Semipalatinsk, Novosibirsk, and Molotov because of the lowering of the water levels.



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The following units of the Civil Air Fleet were identified for the first time:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(140) Flyer Division #240	---	Confirmation awaits clarification
(141) ARB (Aircraft Repair Base)	Tashkent (?)	---
(142) ARM 51 Aircraft Repair Workshop	---	---
(143) Flyer Mechanics School	Irkutsk	---
(144) Flyers School	Zyrdarinskaya (southwest of Tashkent)	---

The following units were confirmed for the first time:

(145) Sulimov Group	Moscow (?)	---
(146) ARB Aircraft Repair Base 407	---	---

(147) In Tashkent instruction courses for flight radio operators of the Transport Group of the Uzbek Directorate were held up.

(148) According to reports from Erevan and Novosibirsk, no weather station buildings are anticipated for 1944 in either the rajon of the Civil Air Fleet office in Erevan or in Novosibirsk.

(149) The flight courses Tikhvin-Leningrad, Baku-Stalingrad-Saratov-Moscow; Penza-Saratov-Astrakhan-Rostov-Krasnodar were mentioned in Civil Air Fleet traffic for the first time.

(150) The Chief of the Civil Air Fleet, Colonel General ASTAKHOV, ordered the transport of passengers on the Baku-Moscow flight and other lines, which leave Baku, to reduce the priority of freight transport.

(151) During the month of August 504.5 tons of sulfur were transported via air from the Darvas Air Field, Ashkhabad Rajon. Single days output can be determined as follows:

20 August	5.5 tons
21 August	19.1 tons
28 August	17.2 tons
29 August	8.9 tons
30 August	6.0 tons
3 Sept.	22.9 tons

(152) The Civil Air Fleet transported freight from Voronezh for the Armor Industry in Rostov.

(153) An Office of the Civil Air Fleet in Ashkhabad made the following work report for August:

For flights which were carried out over the rajon boundaries:

Hours of flight	605
Distance flown	90,722 kilometers
Passengers carried	715
Mail	2.3 tons

For local flights:

Hours of flight	321
Distance flown	32,517 kilometers
Passengers carried	125
Mail	7.0 tons

(154) The mixed flyer squadron in Sochi made the following work report for the second 10 days of August: There were carried: 309 persons; 24 tons, mail; 4 tons, gasoline; 8 kilos, blood; 3 tons, other freight.

(155) All the chauffeurs, tractor drivers, smiths, room attendants, and care-taker officials were conscripted by the local military okrug authorities at the Novosibirsk Airfield.

(156) The Solotov Group in Starobelsk shall report to Moscow on the additional number of chauffeurs and radio operators required.

(157) In accordance with the order of 5 March 1942, flying, engineering-technical and pilot personnel of the Civil Air Fleet are being treated according to special regulations.